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For: SILVER HALIDE PHOTOGRAPHIC EMULSION AND SILVER  
HALIDE PHOTOGRAPHIC LIGHTSENSITIVE MATERIAL  
USING THE SAME

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

April 19, 2002

Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

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The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. application(s) may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

Copies of cited U.S. patent application(s) (specification, claims, and the drawings) or copies of the portion of the application which caused it to be cited, including any claims directed to that portion are attached hereto.

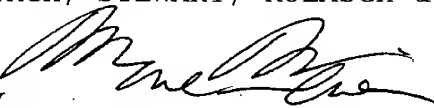
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